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SPECIAL EDITION:

Summer Board Meetings —Here's What Happened.

With the vacancy in the office of TAB's President due to the resignation of Andy Hutchison on June 3, one of the first priorities of the Board of Directors meetings was filling the presidential vacancy and determining an interim leadership structure for the association until the next regular elections in November. Through a series of motions, the board elected a full slate of TAB officers to serve until the 2009 elections on November 8, 2008. Ascending to President is Rick Montelongo with Ron Connally as First VP and Granger MacDonald as VP/Secretary. The consensus sentiment expressed by the membership was to put the past behind the association and move forward.

TAB membership participation continues to grow and set records as 142 directors from all corners of the state came to Austin for the Board of Directors Meeting on Saturday. In addition, scores more were in attendance at the over 25 committee meetings on Thursday and Friday. Since the directors overwhelmingly supported the condensed schedule of meetings in January, we implemented the same rigorous schedule for June and even managed to squeeze in the HOMEPAAC golf tournament.

Thursday was a busy day of committee meetings with just enough time to eat a buffet lunch in between meetings. The Finance Committee accepted the 2007 Audit, approved an amended budget for consideration by the board, reviewed the Reserve Fund calculation and Cash Flow Statement. Legal Affairs and Attorney Council met together and discussed several legal issues. Legal Affairs did approve the expenditure of money for the Bryan-College Station HBA concerning their dispute over proposed ETJ regulation. Assistance was also approved to GSABA regarding the application of a tree ordinance in the ETJ. The Sunbelt Builders Show™ team reported that 70% of the booths for the 2008 Show have been sold and 77% of the partnership goals have been met. Sunbelt registration opened on June 1. The Nominating Committee validated credentials for TAB officer candidates and the Public Relations Committee met for the first time. The PR Committee established a mission

statement and laid the ground work for future initiatives. Much of the afternoon was related to the legislative and regulatory side of the association with the Government Relations Committee, Building Standards Task Force and HOMEPAAC Trustee meetings. For a different twist, the welcome reception was held in the newly renovated Victorian Room and a trial run bottle auction was held. Thanks to Granger "Auctioneer" MacDonald, David Miller, Stephen Polozola and Brian Binash for their efforts and support.

The Executive Committee met on Thursday evening with most of the agenda being filled with how to proceed following the vacancy created by the resignation of TAB President Andy Hutchison. In other business, the committee accepted the 2008 Audit and April 2008 compiled financials, approved an amended budget, voted to support Barry Rutenburg for the NAHB senior officer ladder, ratified an agreement with the EPA and TCEQ, and voted to eliminate two TAB endorsed programs that were not a good fit for our association.

Friday kicked off with the Remodeler's Council breakfast and a full morning of meetings before the tee-off of the HOMEPAAC Golf Tournament. In those meetings the Area and Associate VPs discussed the local associations in their regions. The Membership Committee exchanged round table ideas and talked about the current retention program with its \$10,000 in prizes to be awarded. Recent events within the association brought to light some bylaw changes that needed to be made. The Bylaws Committee will be studying these proposals throughout

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the fall and will present them to the board at the board meetings in November. Our valued associate members are working hard to promote our Sunbelt Builders Show™ and to support our builders during this challenging business climate.

Friday cooled to less than 100 degrees for our golfers. However, the team of Jerry Garcia, Rick Montelongo, Scott Porter and Randy Bowling were on fire as they scored 19 below par (handicap adjusted!) to win the tournament. Thanks to Louisiana Pacific and the local associations that made this great event possible at the beautiful Barton Creek Country Club.

After resolving the vacant presidency, the Board of Directors proceeded with the normal committee reports. The highlight of the meeting was the announcement of the inaugural class of the Texas Housing Hall of Honor. The inductees are: Jesse Baker, Dave Fox, J.B. Sandlin and Herman Smith. A celebration of these men and their accomplishments will be held at the Excellence in Leadership Dinner at the Sunbelt Builders Show™.

Also, of historic importance was the ratification of an alliance with the EPA, TCEQ and TAB regarding storm water compliance. The signing of this proclamation between the parties will be on July 31, 2008 in Dallas.

In normal business actions the board approved or accepted the current financial statements, the 2007 Audit, amended 2008 Capital and Operating Budgets, two Legal Affairs Fund requests and a bylaws change addressing director absences.

Scott Norman, Interim Executive Director, reported on the Energy Code Trainings, Sunbelt, interim legislative committee reports, the TRCC and TDI Sunset processes and TAB's Tour of Texas that will begin in late summer.

The HBA of Greater Dallas continued their time-honored tradition of making a \$10,000 contribution to HOMEPAC at each board meeting. Their president Donnie Mack, presented the check. In addition, numerous members stepped up to support HOMPAC by becoming Gold, Platinum or higher level donors.

As always, thank you to all of our membership directors, officers and other volunteer leaders that continue to make TAB a success in all it's endeavors.

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